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KINSHASA FOR US DELEGATION TO ECA

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SUBJ: KINSHASA MEETING OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (EACA)

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1. TUNISIAN DELEGATION TO MINISTERIAL MEETING OF ECA
WILL BE HEADED BY CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR (AND MINISTER OF
STATE) MOHAMED GHENIMA. HE IS TO BE ASSISTED BY AMBASSADOR
TO ZAIRE MONCEL GHARIANI, ATTACHE ABDEL-MAJID HAMZAOU OF
MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY (MOFA) AND
REPRESENTATIVE STILL TO NAMED FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

2. SIMILAR TO ALGERIANS, TUNISIA'S REPRESENTATIVES
AT SUCH MEETINGS TEND TO BE CAPABLE - BUT LACK FORMER'S
INTERNATIONAL AMBITIONS, RADICAL CREDENTIALS AND
ECONOMIC/POLITICAL CLOUT. GOT IS NOT IN VOCAL VANGUARD
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SEEKING REDRESS ON INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ISSUES. IT GENERALLY CAN BE EXPECTED TO JOIN
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IN RHETORIC TO EXTENT NECESSARY TO PRESERVE ITS THIRD WORLD
CREDENTIALS, TO SUPPORT MORE MODERATE FORMULATIONS IF OTHERS
ALSO SUPPORT, AND TO FOLLOW PRACTICAL COURSE SERVING ITS
NATIONAL INTERESTS AS EXPORTER OF MINERALS (OIL AND
PHOSPHATE), IMPORTER OF FOOD AND INDUSTRIAL UNPUTS AND
CONTINUING RECIPIENT OF ASSISTANCE FROM WIDE RANGE OF
DONORS.

3. AS YET WE HAVE NOTED NO GOT PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ECA MEETING. WE EXPECT TO SEE MOFA UNDER-DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS SALAH BOURGUINI OVER NEXT TWO DAYS AND WILL CABLE WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPS.

4. BIOGRAPHICS: GHENIMA, THOUGH GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK SINCE 1972 AND A MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF GOVERNING DESTOURIAN SOCIALIST PARTY SINCE 1974, HAS NOT FREQUENTLY PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF TUNISIA. HE IS TUNISIAN GOVERNOR OF THE IMF BUT GOT DELEGATIONS TO ANNUAL BANK/FUND MEETINGS USUALLY ARE HEADED BY MIN PLAN ZAAOUNI, GOT GOVERNOR FOR THE IBRD, AND THE CENTRAL BANK IS REPRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF STUDIES (BOUHAOUADJA) WHO IS ALTERNATE GOVERNOR.

5. GHENIMA WAS BORN IN AKOUDA (SOUSSE), TUNISIA ON MAY 15, 1929. HE GRADUATED FROM DADIKI COLLEGE IN TUNIS AND LATER TOOK LAW DEGREES AT UNIVERSITY OF BORDEAUX. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR HE, FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, ADVANCED THROUGH PROGRESSIVELY MORE RESPONSIBLE JOBS IN STATE INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (IN PARTICULAR THE BANQUE NATIONALE DE TUNISIE, FORMERLY THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT BANK). GHENIMA IS MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN. HE IS SOLID AND PRUDENT ADMINISTRATOR AND TECHNICIAN WHO HAS ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS WITH US OFFICIALS. FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC DATA ARE ON FILE IN WASHINGTON.
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